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EXCERPTS
FROM
THE ANCIENT RECORDS
OF THE
WEAVERS' SOCIETY
OF
ANDERSTON.

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GLASGOW, 16th July, 1879.

*To the Preses and Directors and Members
of the Weavers' Society of Anderston.*

DEAR SIRs,

In compliance with the resolution expressed in the subjoined extract, I have pleasure in now submitting a print of the documents authorised. To all the Members of the Society, and to many others connected with Anderston, the Excerpts from the ancient records will have a special interest.

It cannot fail to suggest itself to the mind of the reader that the great cause of the Society's wealth lay in the choice of heritable property as the best investment of its Funds, and it will be much to be regretted if the policy of the past, in this respect, should in the future ever be disturbed.

To the great success which has attended the management of its capital, to the judicious expenditure of its revenue, and to the liberality of the annual allowance to decayed Members, which is more than double the whole payments made by Members at entry, are to be attributed the immense number which have been and still are annually added to its Roll of Membership.

I will only add that he is its truest friend who will advocate the management of the Society on its ancient lines.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

Extract from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Directors
of the Weavers' Society of Anderston, held on the
16th day of July, 1879.

The Secretary intimated that he had concluded his examination of the Society's ancient records, and had excerpted therefrom everything which he considered interesting, either in connection with the Society or with the history of Anderston, and craved the further instructions of the Directors on the subject.

Whereupon the Preses (Mr. Joseph Taylor) moved that the excerpts, so far as considered of general or special interest, along with the names of the whole Members at present on the Roll, the Office-bearers of the Society since its institution, and the existing Rules of the Society, be printed and circulated among all the Members, and that it be remitted to the Secretary to complete the work and with full powers.

The meeting unanimously approved, and resolved accordingly.

A true Extract,

J. M. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.

THE ORIGINAL CHARTER OF THE WEAVERS IN ANDERSTOUN.

Know all men by these presents That Wee James Sym, Archibald Anderson, Michael Murdoch, John Horn, Andrew Campbell, John Jameson, Robert Hamilton, John Murray, John Paton, James Paton, Thomas Scott, James Gemmill, James Fleeming, John Kerr, James Holdin, Matthew Baird, Wm. Anderson, Wm. Scott, Jno. Taylor, Wm. Steven, Jno. Campbell all Weavers in Anderstoun and Robert Marshall Dyer there, Considering The good & weell of the poor And the other many good & worthy Consequences Which Attend freindly association, Have associated and hereby associate our Selves into a freindly Community, And bind & obleidge us & each of us strickly to fullfill and perform The Rules & Articles underwritten, Which Wee have Calculated for the order of our sd. Community viz.: That there be ane oversman chosen yearly upon the first fryday of November by voice of the Whole Society: That there be Six Masters chosen yearly upon the said Day—Three by the oversman And other three by the Community, Who, with the oversman are to Represent the whole Community; That there be a Collector chosen yearly upon the foresaid day by Voice of the whole Society. That none be admitted freeman but by Authority of the oversman and plurality of the Masters. That each freeman pay into the Common box one shilling sterling at the times and by the proportions following, To Witt; Three shilling scots quarterly begining the first quarters pay^t upon the first fryday of Feberuary next And so to Continue upon the first fryday of each Third moneth. That each freeman Shall pay into the Common box one Shilling Sterling for Each apprentice he haves. That each freeman pay all his quarter Accounts at the expiration of each year Otherways to be classed by the oversman and masters. That no freeman Give or Lend his help or assistance to any Weaver With respect to Weaving only in Anderstoun, or hereafter to Live there Not being Entered with the Community, Otherways the Member giveing or Lending such help & assistance shall either be fined or Classed at the Option and Direction of the oversman and his Masters. That no freeman Curse or Swear in presence of the oversman and Masters Under the Penalty of Six pence Sterling to be

paid into the Common box for each transgression. That whoever be chosen oversman The Common box Shall not be Removed or Taken from Anderstoun. That any Oversman to be Chosen at any time hereafter shall be a Resider and Dweller in Anderstoun. That a Clerk and Officer be Chosen yearly by Voice of the whole Society. That what Indentures betwixt any of the Members of the Society and Apprentices & Journeyman Shall be wrote by the Clerk of the Community: Consenting to the registration hereof Ad futuram rei memoriam in judges books Competent And for that Effect constitutes

Prors

In Witnes Whereof wee have subscribed thir presents wrote by William Wardrop Writer in Glasgow Att Anderstoun The Third day of November one thousand seven hundred and thirty Eight years In presence of the said William Wardrop witnes Called thereto

(Signed)	JAMES SYM
(")	ARCH ^d . ANDERSON
(")	MICHAEL MURDOCH
(")	JOHN J H HORN, his mark
(")	ANDREOU CAMPBELL
(")	JOHN J J JAMESON
(")	ROBERT HAMILTON
(")	JOHN MURRAY
(")	THOMAS SCOTT
(")	JOHN J G GEMMILL his mark
(")	JAMES FLEMING
(")	JOHN KERR
(")	JAMES HOLDEN
(")	MATTHEW BAIRD
(")	WILLIAM ANDERSON
(")	WILLIAM SCOT
(")	WILLIAM STIVN
(")	JOHN CAMPBELL
(")	ROBERT MARSHALL
(")	JAMES PATON
(")	JOHN PATON
(")	JOHN TAYLOR

(Signed) WILLIAM WARDROP *witnes*

Att Anderstoun The Third day of November
J a j Vii C and thirty Eight years

The Same day In presence of the Oversman Masters and whole Community It was Enacted and hereby is Enacted That whoever shall hereafter Enter freeman with the Community Shall Pay of freedom fyne Eighteenpence Sterling at their admission.

Act anent Entry
of freemen

(sg^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk

2nd February 1739

The Same Day William Anderson One of the Masters being Convict of Swearing in presence of the Oversman Masters and most part of the Society He refused to pay The fyne Stipulated by the original Charter therefor, Whereupon, By the Voice of the whole Society assembled without Contradiction, He was Excluded the Society And is hereby Declared to have lost all part or priviledge therein.

Wm Anderson
classed

(sig^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk

2nd November 1739

The said day The Collectors accotts of Charge and Discharge were publickly Read and approven. The Charge ammounted to four pound Sterling, And the Discharge to one pound Twelve and Six pence Sterling, whereby there is a ballance in the Collectors hand of Two pound seven and sixpence, which he has paid in to the present Collector and therefore Matthew Baird the old Collector is hereby Discharged of his haill Intromissions.

Matt. Baird
Collector
Discharged

(sig^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk

2nd November 1739Act in favours of
the oversman

The said day In presence of the Community They have Enacted and hereby enact That the oversman in all time Coming Shall have power of himself To give to any object of Charity he thinks fitt A Six pence Sterling, And to Draw precepts on the Collector for the same.

(sig^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk7th November 1740Act anent
Charity

Conveened the oversman Masters and most part of the Community Who by one Consent Enacted that for the future no freeman shall be entituled to Charity for the space of Three years after his entry.

(sg^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk6th November 1741

Box Masters

The said day John Buchanan & Archibald Anderson were chosen Box Masters and the Keys thereof Committed to their care.

(sg^d) WILLIAM WARDROP Clk7th May 1742Contraveeners
fin'd

The sd day James Fleeming and William Stephen were fin'd for Assisting Unfreemen.

5th November 1742Act anent
Clerk's salary

The said day The Community unanimously appointed the clk to have five shilling Sterling for the Ensueing year.

(sig^d) ANDREW GARDNER Clk

2nd November 1744

The sd day In presence of the Oversman and Masters and Community It was Enacted by plurality of voices and hereby is Enacted, that for each freeman that enters freeman he shall in time coming give Two pence to the Clk and two pence to the Officer, over and above his freedom fine.

Act as to Clerk's
and Officer's fees

(sig^d) ANDREW GARDNER Clk

1st February 1745

The sd day In presence of the Oversman Masters and Community It was Enacted and hereby is Enacted, That the Oversman and Masters shall have no power of themselves to forgive any freeman that swears in their presence his fine.

Act anent
Swearing

(sig^d) ANDREW GARDNER Clk

The sd day In presence of the Oversman Masters and Community It was Enacted and hereby is Enacted, That each Master that shall be absent from the Quarterly meeting, Except he can give a Lawfull Excuse, shall pay one sixpence Sterling of fine into the Common Box.

Act anent
Masters being
absent

(sig^d) ANDREW GARDNER Clk

3rd November 1748

The sd day In presence of the Oversman and Masters John Bankeer was classed for refusing to be convicted of his Crime for Swearing and hereby is declared to have no priviledge in this Community.

John Bankeer
classed

(sg^d) ANDREW GARDNER Clk

4th February 1749

Act for charity

The sd day Conveened the Oversman and plurality of the Masters and part of the Community who Enacted and hereby Enacts That each freeman, who hath been three years in the Community and being Reduced to poverty and not able to pay their Quarter accounts, may be Intitled to Charity as the oversman and his Masters think proper.

(sig^d) ANDREW GARDNER ClkMay 3rd 1751Act for the
Time of Electing

The sd day In presence of the oversman Masters and most part of the Community It was Enacted And hereby is Enacted, That for the future the Election of Oversman Masters Collector Clerk and Officer in anderstoun is to be upon the first Friday of august yearly in all time coming.

(sig^d) ANDREW GARDNER Clk31st August 1751

The Clks fees

The oversman Masters and Ordinary Members of the Society present Enacted & do hereby Enact, That the Annual fee of the Clerks for his Trouble and Attendance in Clerking To the Society Shall be ten shillings and six pence sterling, he being paid for any extraordinary Trouble he is put to in the Society's affairs over and above.

17th February 1752Act
Members of
the Society to
employ the
Society's clerk

The Oversman and plurallity of Masters Have Enacted and Do hereby Enact, That the whole Members of the Society (excepting these who are tyed down to a clerk of Another Society) shall in all time hereafter be oblidge to employ The Society's Clerk in writting of their Indentures, and pay him therefor, if but one Coppy two shillings and sixpence Sterling,

if two Coppys four shillings Sterling. The saids Members being at Liberty to employ another in writing their said Indentures, if the Society's clerk happens to be out of the way and cannot be found on enquiring for him.

1st August 1755

Said Day The oversman and masters with a plurality of voices of the other Members Enacted and doe hereby Enact, That whatever freemens sons shall for the future or for two years by past work or has wrought at the weavers or other Trade in this place, Their fathers or masters shall pay the same fines for them as are enacted for Booking of apprentices, and that each of their names be booked as such.

6th August 1756

Said Day The Society by a plurality of voices Enacted and hereby Enacts, That the Sons of freemen and apprentices To freemen shall in all time hereafter for their Enterie as freemen with the Society pay Two shillings and six pence Ster: as their freedom fine, out of which the Society's Officer is to be paid four pence sterling for each Entry, and also that freemens sons in law shall be upon the same footing equal with sons.

Said day the Society by plurality of voices Enacted and hereby Enacts, That in all Time hereafter It shall be Lesum and Lawfull for any of the members of Society To vote by proxie, and be also good as if the Member were personally present at the Election.

4th November 1757

The oversman and masters being conveyed and other Members of the Societie said Day they Enacted, That in all time coming the Clerk shall have two shillings sterling for one

copy of an Indenture, and three shillings for two copies the parties concerned to furnish the paper themselves.

(sig^d) JO: MALTMAN Clk

Nov^r 2nd 1759.

Act anent new
powers to the
Oversman and
Masters for
granting Charity

Said day the oversman Masters and other members of the Society being met They Enacted and hereby Do Enact, That for the future it shall be in the oversman's power to Grant a precept for One Shilling of Charity to any poor object residing in this place as he shall see needfull, Continuing his power for a Sixpence precept only to objects not residing here. And that it shall be in the power of the masters when met to grant one shilling sterling over and above that granted by the Oversman to any needy object, either a Residenter or Nonresidenter as they shall judge proper.

(sg^d) JO. MALTMAN Clk

July 31st 1760.

Act anent
admitting
outentowns to
vote &c

This day the oversman Masters and other members of the Society being met They Enacted and hereby Do Enact, That any person formerly Entered with this Community not living in Anderstoun, who perhaps may not have paid up his Quarter Accounts for two or three years back and yet would claim a vote at the Election of the Oversman, may be admitted to vote for that time upon his paying up of one years quarter accounts, But not to be Entitled to Charity untill all former accounts be paid up The above act only to respect such as can say they were not duely warned

(sg^d) JO MALTMAN Clk

1st August 1760

Act defining
Anderstoun

The oversman Masters and other members of the Societie having made an act at their Quarterly meeting in May last anent what is to be reckoned Anderstoun, They, to prevent

reflexions, Did refer the same to the General meeting this day to give their voice thereanent, which act being this day read and the question stated Insert or not Insert, it carried unanimously nemine Contradicente Insert, And Accordingly Appointed the clerk to Insert it in this Book as a Standing Act the tenor whereof is as follows. Act Anderstoun the second day of may One thousand seven hundred and Sixty years, The Oversman Masters and other Members of this Community being met and Considering that there is an act Confining the Box belonging to this Community to the Town of Anderstoun, By which Act those who dwell in the houses built upon the Taylors land * think themselves in a manner prejudged from being reckoned inhabitants of Anderstoun, Therefore, to cut off all dispute for the time to come concerning what is to be reckoned the Town of Anderstoun, They have Enacted and hereby Do Enact, That all built and that shall be built contiguous to said Town, either Eastward or Westward Northward or Southward in form of one continued Village, shall be reckoned and acknowledged by this Community the Town of Anderstoun; Ay and while it Extend or join to any other Village heretofore built. And that all persons dwelling within the Bound thereof and Entered with this Community shall be Entitled to all Claims and privileges belonging to this Community as dwellers in Anderstoun.

(sig^d) JO. MALTMAN Clk.

6th August 1761

The oversman masters and Several other members of the Society being met, and Considering that the Inhabitants of this place did gather a Collection for purchasing a Warning Bell They therefore Did and hereby Do Declare that said Warning Bell is and Shall be the property of the Society inhabitants in Anderstoun in all time coming.

(sg^d) JO. MALTMAN Clk.

* Bishop Street is here referred to—the ground through which it passed being the property of the Incorporation of Tailors in Glasgow.

6th August 1762

Act anent the
Officer's part of
half Entries

The Oversman Masters and other Members of this Community being met They Enacted and hereby do Enact, that the Officer is to have only two pence out of Each Entry at half a Crown.

Act anent the
clerks fees

As also they Enacted and hereby do Enact in regard the Communities Stock and writings are considerably increased That the clerks yearly fees shall be Twenty one shillings sterling for the future, Besides payment for Extraordinary writings in the option of the oversman and his Masters for the time being.

Act anent
reproaching poor
members

As also they Enacted and hereby Do Enact That whatever member of this Communitie shall reproach any member thereof for their poverty, Or Contemptuously throw up their having received the Communities Supply in their need, He shall for the first Transgression this way be rebuked by the Oversman and his Masters, For the second Transgression he shall be fined Att the Oversman and his Masters their option, and for the third Transgression He shall be classed.

(sg^d) JO MALTMAN Clerk

Act anent
rejecting proxie
votes for Masters
&c.

At Anderstoun the Sixth day of August Jajvij C and Sixty two years Ante Meridiem The Oversman Masters and other Members being met They Enacted and hereby Do Enact, that no vote by proxie shall be sustained for Electing of Masters and other inferior office Bearers in this Community in all time coming, But only for the oversman when it leaves the name of the person to be voted for to be Oversman.

5th August 1763

Act anent
admitting of
Freemen

Said day The Society Considering the burdensome Consequences that may possibly ensue upon a too promiscuous admission of new Members into this Community without

respect either to age or ability, Therefore they have Enacted and hereby do Enact, that no person for the future shall be admitted freeman of this Societie under the age of fourteen years nor above the age of forty five years, nor any person having any known infirmity or ailment for the time that may prove an impediment or hinderance to him in the Exercise of his lawful Calling, Excepting from this Act persons of such fortune or worldly Circumstances as may put it beyond probability that they will never be a burden upon the Societies Box.

(sig^d) JO : MALTMAN Clk

23rd December 1763

This day in Consequence of a special warning for that effect The Oversman Masters and a number of the Members of this Societie of the Communitie of weavers in Anderstoun being met, The Oversman informed them that the design of Calling this Meeting was in order to give their opinion of a proposal made by many of the Societies in and about Glasgow, for raising what sum each Societie shall think proper to be employed as a joint Stock for procuring and bringing in meal to these Bounds, in Order to bear down if possible the Dearth of Grain so industriously promoted & held up by our Meal-Mongers, notwithstanding of the great plenty in the Land.

General meeting on the proposal made by many Societies For joining Stocks to bring in Grain to these Bounds

The Societie having heard & Considered the said proposal Did unanimously approve thereof, And in order to promote so laudable a Design on a reasonable footing, They did and hereby Do appoint James M^cKean their oversman and James Monteith and James Chapman Masters and Archibald Arthur one of the members of this Societie to attend the first General Meeting of those Societies on the proposal at the Laigh Kirk Session House in Glasgow, upon Friday next the thirtieth instant, And if the plan and method of managing of said Joint Stock so to be raised shall prove satisfying, Then our said Oversman is hereby empowered to grant security upon the Credit of this Box for Fifty pounds Sterling money, to be employed in said

Delegates appointed to attend the General Meeting of the Societies on the proposal

joint stock for the foresaid laudable design in manner and for such Term or time as shall be agreed on by the whole Societies that shall be met said day, for settling the plan of management or that shall be agreed upon at any future meeting of the Societies thereanent.

(sig^d) JO MALTMAN Clk

The following is an abstract of the agreement adopted for carrying out the Meal Scheme:—(1.) The Oversmen of the Societies contributing were to be Directors, and were to appoint a Committee of nine persons as their managing body. (2.) Books were to be kept showing particularly "the buyings, sellings, intrusions, disbursements, profits and losses," and a balance was to be struck of their books, at least once a year. The Societies contributing were to have free access to the books at all times, and at the dissolution the dividend was to be in proportion to the original contributions. (3.) A contract in ample form, upon stamped paper, was to be signed, and the duration of the scheme was to be as long as the Managers should find the same tending to promote the public good. (4.) No Director was at liberty to vote for dissolving the Scheme without special order from the Society he represented, and any vote for dissolution was to be at "a complete and full number of the Directors present till a man." (5.) The Directors were to be entitled to make bye-laws. This Scheme was approved of and acted upon, but the minutes do not inform us whether it accomplished its purpose or not.

4th May 1764

Resolution to
Lift Lockharts
and Companys
Bill

Said day the oversman Masters &c Considering that they are engaged to Consign Fifty pounds sterling against Martimass next out of the Societies Box toward the Victual scheme formerly agreed upon, They unanimously resolved to lift Lockharts and Companys Bill against the Ensuing annual Election, to enable them to fulfill said Engagement, And ordained that Lockhart & Company should be timeously warned to provide payment.

3rd August 1764

Said day in regard Complaints had been formerly made against the act in page 51 Granting new powers to the oversman and masters to give Charity out of the Communities Box to needy persons not members of this Societie, The Oversman & masters stated a vote—Take away the whole power granted by sd act to the masters Or not—It Carried Unanimously Save one voice—Take away that whole power from the masters.

Masters powers
of granting
precepts taken
away

A Second Vote was stated Take away the oversmans power of Granting precepts or not, It carried by a plurality not But restricted him only to a Sixpence precept to residers or non-residers at a time to any one needy person

Oversmans
powers
continued to a
Sixpence precept
only to any at
a time

Therefore they Enacted and hereby Do Enact That for the future the Masters of this Societie shall have no power to grant any precepts to give Charity to any person or persons out of the Societies Box that are non titulars

Act taking away
the Masters
power of granting
charity

Sd day They Enacted and hereby Do Enact That it shall be in the Oversman's power to grant a precept for a sixpence to any needy person at a time out of the Societies Box, not exceeding four precepts to any one person in the space of a year.

16th October 1764

After legal warning given for that effect met here the Oversman Masters and a great number of the Members of the Societie, Then the Oversman acquainted them That John Logan having a House to be exposed to Sale by publick Roup next Week, The design of calling this meeting was to have their minds whether they would think it proper or not to lay out the Societies money on the purchase of said House, if it could be got at a reasonable & advantageous rate for the behoof of the Societie.

Meeting to
consult about
laying out the
Societies money
on the purchase
of John Logans
House

Thereupon the Vote was stated Purchase or Not—It carried by a great plurality of voices Purchase and at the same time impowered the oversman and masters to bid for it at the Roup, or make a private Bargain for it betwixt and the Roup day if they could hit it to the advantage of the Societie.

Their Resolution
and powers
granted to the
Oversman and
Masters
thereancnt

Act restricting
the admission
of new members
to Residenters at
Anderstoun

Farther, they Enacted And hereby Do Enact, That no new members for the future shall be admitted into this Societie But such as reside at Anderstoun. This Act by no means to prejudice the Right of members from other parts already entered with this Societie, while they preserve their right by paying up their Quarter Accompts in terms of the Societies Acts, excepting always from this act persons above a present probability of needing supply.

Act cutting off
all proxie votes

In regard the admitting of members to vote by proxie at Elections has often bred much Disturbance a motion was this day made for Cutting off all voting by proxies for the future, Whereupon the vote was Stated Continue Proxies or not—It carried by a great plurality not—Therefore they Enacted and hereby Do Enact, That no member of this Societie shall have power to give his Vote by proxie at any future Election of Oversman Masters and other office Bearers of this Societie.

22nd October 1764

Powers granted
by the Masters
to the Oversman
to Bargain for
John Logans
House

Which day the oversman and masters being met ; By Virtue of the powers granted them from the Societie to purchase John Logans House, They did agree to impower their Oversman to Buy said House as low as possible & at the same time gave him power to give any sum for it, not exceeding one hundred & Sixty one pounds Sterling money.

Nov^r 2nd 1764

The Oversmans
Report anent his
Bargain for John
Logan's House

This Day the oversman Masters and many other members of this Societie being met The oversman acquainted them that in Consequence of the powers granted him for that effect, He had bought that House of John Logans with the pertinents thereto belonging, that was set forth to sale for the behoof of this Societie at the price of one hundred and Sixty pounds Sterling money, which was the lowest he could bring it to, whereupon the Meeting Did approve of the Overmans Diligence in this affair and of said purchase

July 4th 1766

This day and the two last quarterly meetings, the following ^{Classed} persons Scored out of the Roll as classed and order'd to be recorded here as such, all of them having been deficient in paying up their quarter accompts for three years back and severals of them more viz: (Then follow the names of 211 members)

6th August 1768

Said day it was overtured to the Society that if the society thought proper to admitt persons to be free of all quarter accounts for ever upon paying to the Society ten shillings sterling over all preceding accounts some persons would pay up that sum, the society agreeing to the overture the roll was Called and vots marked, it caried by a great majority to admite, wherefore they did and hearby do enact, that, for the futter, all persons who shall Chuse to pay the Society ten shillings sterling, over and above all quarter accounts they are indew at the time, shall be free in the Society for ever from any more quarter accounts, but shall be Liable to all other rules of the society in the same way and manner as others.

Act for admitting persons to pay ten shillings for their freedom from quarter accounts for ever

3rd February 1769

Convenned the oversman and Masters with a great parte of the Society when it was proposed that it would be for the advantage of the society that a back house were bulded upon there back ground intended for a ten or twelve loom shop, and repaired above or not as the managers shall find most for the advantage of the Society, the society being warned for that purpose and the roll being Called and vots marked, it caried by a great majoriety buld, wherefor they did and hearby do enact that a House be bulded upon there back ground, in such a way as the Managers for the time shall find most for the

Act for building a back House

benefit of the poor of the Society, and the Society impoures there managers to proceed to said bulding with all convenienc speed.

May 29th 1769

Act anent Alex.
Glasgow

Alexander Glasgow Weaver in Anderstoun having made an agreement with the Society to pay them one pound str^{ll} for his freedom from all Quarter accounts, and that no office be imposed in the management of the Societys affairs upon him, nor he obliged to accept thereof unless he chuse himself, and the managers agreeing thereto Grants him said priviledge, but is not Bound by this act to make any such agreement with any other unless the managers at the time think it proper.

2nd August 1771

Entry money
made 6/

The Society agreed by a majority of votes and Enacted That in time coming The Entry-money to be paid by each person Admitted as a member of this Society shall be six shillings sterling Eight pence, whereof to be paid to the Clerk and four pence thereof to the officer as their perquisites for the future and half Entries in proportion.

7th August 1772

Finnieston
annexed

It was moved That the Village of Finniestoun and Inhabitants thereof should in time coming be Deemed as part of the Toun of Anderston with respect to the priviledges of this Community to Such of the Inhabitants thereof as should incline to, & be admitted as members thereof, And the Roll being called and the votes taken whether it should be so Deem'd or not It carried in the affirmative Nemine Contradicente.

12th November 1772

Convened the Deacon Collector & William McKean John Williamson, James Lindsay Robert Strang, with several other members of Society the whole Society being duly warned as was verified by the officer. And it being moved by a number of these present that the meetings of society were prolonged by the absence of the managers not attending in due time, so that those who attended are frequently detained longer upon the Societys business than necessary; For Remead whereof The Managers now agree & enact that in time coming any of the Managers, who happen to be absent from any appointment or meeting called by the proeses or Deacon for the time being for one hour after they are so called, shall forfeit and pay for the use of the poor of the Society sixpence stirring, attour his or their the absent managers their paying Fourpence sterling towards any reckoning they may have occasion for at the time. But not to exceed that sum and not to be entitled to vote or have any priviledge as a member till he or they pay the Fine & others foresaid, and also shall not leave such meeting after appearing thereat without Leave asked & obtained from the Deacon, missigned by the proeses place & date foresaid In Presence of the Society.

Masters not
attending
meetings to be
fined

(sig^d) JOHN MILLAR.

3rd September 1773

It was motioned at this meeting that the promiscuous Speaking irregular harrangues in petitions or other affairs laid before the Committee were an hindrance to the business thereof, therefore the managers for their own behoof Enacted and be it enacted, that no person shall be allowed to speak or deliver his opinion on any petition or matter laid before the Managers for their Consideration till so allowed by the Presaes, unless the rest of the Members be silent & no more than one to speak at once &c.

Standing orders
for meetings of
Society.

20th Nov^r 1773

The following appears in the Minute Book under this date, and while it is reproduced now, it is but fair to state that it is partially deleted.

The Committee Closed at 7 o'clock with glass of Double whisky at the Expence of the Deacon to be a president (precedent) for all Deacons in time to Come.

Same night proceeded to the Collectors house to see him home when we were Entertained with whisky Rum to be a president (precedent) for all Collectors in time Coming likewise to shew future members how to behave towards their Collector.

At the Meeting held on 5th August, 1774, a Scheme of the Regulations for the future conduct and management of the Society was enacted, of which the following is a copy:

Revised Rules
of the Society

"Whereas several persons Weavers & others in the village of Anderstoun, from a consideration of the many hardships to which Tradesmen might be reduced by trouble and diseases on themselves or families and thereby rendered unable to procure the necessary supports of life, did in the year 1738 associate themselves into a Community, under the firm and Tittle of The Community of Weavers in Anderstown for the support of distressed persons as above & others aftermentioned.

"This Community has now increased to a Considerable amount both in members and money which enables it to destribute a Considerable sum annually, the good effects of which have been universally known to all its members, particularly to those of them who have been reduced to poverty by trouble these many years past, and the present members fully convinced of the Generall utility of this Community would still do all in their power to encourage & promote so Laudable a Scheme. And a Complaint having been made by the Directors and other Members thereof That the present rules Calculated for the Government of this Community were so very imperfect and so Irregularly inserted, That it would not only require a great deal of Search and study to attain to a thorough know-

ledge of them, But would also be hardly possible for any one to Comprehend them or to investigate from them the original principles of the constitution of the Community; Therefore the Community have unanimously agreed to amend & Compendize the old rules into the following order that they be more Intelligible to every Member, and particularly to those who may have the Direction of the Communities affairs, By which they would not be understood to diviate from or anyways alter the original constitution of the Community, But on the contrary to Establish it upon a more permanent foundation.

“Rule 1st Terms of admission That every person (except sons, sons in law, and apprentices of freemen) who shall be admitted members of this Society, Shall thereupon pay into the Treasurer thereof for the time Six Shillings Sterling in name of entry money; And the sons, sons in Law and apprentices of freemen otherways qualified Shall be admitted freemen upon payment of Three shillings sterg as above, providing the masters of such apprentices have Bookt them as such with the Society conform to its rules thereanent. And apprentices of freemen not booked in manner foresaid shall be admitted freemen of the Society upon payment of the sum of four shillings sterg only. And none shall be admitted but such as are of good fame habite & repute of honest Character. And none shall be admitted who do not reside in the village of Anderstoun, Comprehending the houses Built upon the west parsons Croft Clyde Street and Finniestown, excepting sons sons in law and apprentices of free members, and Gentlemen of fortune who may be above a present probability of ever needing Supply from the funds of the Society, of which the Proeses and directors shall Judge. And none shall be admitted under their age of fourteen nor above their age of fourty five years, excepting men of good Circumstances as above. None shall be admitted who are not quite free of all distempers or Bodilly disorders which may at the time or afterwards prove the least detriment to them in the prosecution of their Lawfull employments, and if any person of contrary qualifications shall be convicted of having imposed upon the Society at their admission, Such person or persons

shall have no tittle nor claim to the priviledges of the Society.

Rule 2^d of Quarter payments Every member of this Society shall pay into the Treasurer thereof one shilling sterling yearly in name of quarter accompts, or upon his or their advancing ten shillings sterling each.

Such advancer—shall be hereby freed from such annual contributions only, But not from the Burthen of bearing any office in the Society to which he or they shall be Elected, nor from any other Burthen prestable or that may become prestable & incumbent upon the other members of the Community, The foresaid annuity of one shilling only excepted. No member shall have a voice in any of the affairs of the Society, nor can be Elected to any office in the Society, nor can be Entitled to any part of the funds of the Society, who is not quite Clear in their Books with respect to the annual payments above mentioned at the annual Election immediately preceeding his or their application for Supply. All and every member of this Society who shall be resting & owing three years quarter accompts to the Society at one time Shall therefore be Excluded the Society and whole priviledges thereof, and their names Cancelled and erased out of the Societies Books, Excepting Such who shall appear upon the day of Election in presence of the Proeses and Directors and make it evident that they are not in a Condition to pay their quarter accompts, And such who have or may remove twenty miles from Anderston if Clear in the Societies Books at the annual Election immediately preceeding their removal, shall upon their return within the officers warning be admitted to the priviledges of a member of the Society, upon payment of one shilling sterling if not unqualified in manner foresaid, that is to say by immoralities in his or their character & behaviour but shall not be entitled to any part of the funds of the Society for three full years after their re-admission

Rule 3^d Election of the Proeses &c The management of the Society shall be vested in a Proeses a Treasurer and eleven Directors after described making thirteen in whole. These

office bearers shall be elected upon the first Friday of August yearly, The Manner of Electing them shall be as follows viz^t; The Proeses for the time being shall at a meeting appointed and held by him & the said directors at least ten free days before the Annual Election Leet out three of the Directors for the time, two of the Societies chusing and one of his own to stand for Candidates for Proeses, along the master next in votes, & one of these four being chosen Proeses by a Majority of the Society then qualified to vote shall immediately name four free members of the Society for his Masters, And he the new Proeses and old Directors shall then make up four leets of two members each and out of each leet one Director shall be chosen for the Societies Masters or Directors. The Preceeding Proeses Treasurer and Master next in votes shall sit and manage as Masters or Directors with the former without being voted upon. The Treasurer shall be chosen from a leet of three members made up by the preceeding Treasurer the late and present Proeses. The old directors shall hold a meeting the night immediately preceeding the day of Ellection for taking in Quarter accompts and entries in order to faciliate the Business on the day of Election, and upon the day immediately following The old and new directors shall hold a meeting for to examine and audit the accompts of their late Treasurer. All the above directors shall continue in their respective offices for the space of one year and no longer unless re-Elected thereto, And the Proeses shall have the first vote if he chooses it as well as the casting vote in all cases of gravity, Besides these The Society shall have a clerk to attend the Sederunts of the Society & Directors thereof and to write out their accompts and other Minutes &c For which he shall have paid him by the Societie's Treasurer the sum of.

for his offices, The Society shall also have an Officer who shall warn & Conveen the members of the Society and Court of directors and attend thereon as he may be required by them, for which offices he shall have also paid him as said is the sum of

The clerk and Officer shall continue in office during the Societies pleasure. Besides the Annual Election The proeses and Directors shall hold three quarterly Meetings in the year viz: one upon the first Friday in november February & may respectively, And if any of the Directors shall neglect to attend or absent themselves from these meetings or any other called by the Proeses for the Societies Business after being duely warned by the Officer to attend the same at a certain time and place He or they shall pay sixpence sterg each for every such neglect for the use of the poor of this Society, But if they or either of them shall show a reasonable excuse for their absence and the same being sustained by the Court Such shall be freed from payment of said Fine. Any member of this Society who shall be Ellected Proeses of this Society, who never was proeses thereof before shall pay one shilling sterling into the poors money. And those who are Elected Treasurer or Masters for the first time of their being Chosen to said offices shall pay sixpence Sterling for the use of the poor of the Society.

Votes by proxies shall not be sustained for the Election of any office bearer in this Society. No Member shall refuse any of the above offices when Elected thereto under the penalty of five shillings sterg for refusing to be Treasurer after being chosen by the society, Three shillings sterling for every master who shall refuse to Exerce his or their offices when Elected thereto And if any of these shall refuse to pay said fines, He or they refusing shall be declared incapable to bear any office in the society for the future, and his or their names shall be Erased out of the Books thereof

Rule 4th of Embazlement of the funds. No person shall embazle any of the Societies funds whether in offices of public or private trust, and in case any do so he or they shall refund the same with all damages and expences Consequently following thereupon, and shall forever after be held as unworthy to bear any office in the Society and shall lose all priviledges to the funds thereof. But reserving nevertheless to the directors to Judge whither the embazlement proceeded from mistake or design, and to modify these penalties accordingly

Rule 5th against disorder in Meetings.

No member of this Society shall be guilty of any Indescreet indecent or disrespectfull behaviour in, or disturbe the peace and order of, any meeting of this Society Such as raising divisions, fomenting calumnies on any of the directors or doing anything that shall in the least detriment or injure the Interest of the Society; and in case any member do so he or they shall pay one shilling sterling each in name of fine, and if he or they refuse to pay said fine or fines when incurred his or their name or names shall be cancelled out of the Books of the Society. Reserving to the directors thereof to readmit such delinquent or not as they shall see cause

No Member is to upbraid another who has received support from the Societys funds, and in case any do so he or they shall for the first transgression in this respect be rebuked by the Proeses and directors; For the second shall be fined at the discretion of the directors; and for the third offence in this respect the offenders name & Surname shall be cancelled & blotted out of the Societys Books

Rule 6th Charity to whom destributed No person shall be entittled to the Charity of this Society who is not quite clear in the Books by the compleat payment of his quarter accompts as aforesaid; None who have in any respect brought Indispositions upon themselves by their own folly or negligence; None who has not been three full years a member of this Society; None who are not reduced by trouble on themselves or famillies; on the other hand all those who are free members and are reduced to poverty by trouble on themselves or famillies shall be entittled to the alliment of this society. The widows of free members shall be entittled to charity if by trouble reduced to poverty or Burthened with a small family Those who are thro' age or infirmity of Body rendered unable to support themselves by their own Industry all such shall be entittled to the funds of the society according as the same will admit.

Jany 11th 1779Penal Statutes
against Papists

This day The Society of weavers in Anderston having been duly warned, met and unanimously agreed to concur with their fellow Societies to oppose by every constitutional means in their power a bill proposed to be brought into parliament this Session for repealing the penal Statutes against Papists, and having canvassed the matter at some length came at last to this state of a vote, which state was whether four, six or eight pounds should be advanced as their Quota, Roll being called and votes marked it carried by a great majority eight pounds, and they empowered their Proeses to advance as he sees cause not exceeding said eight pounds, which sum was to be reimbursed by every member equally at the first General Election

(sig^d) ALEX^R TEMPLETON CLK6th August 1779Society to pur-
chase Mortcloths

Said Day The Society Taking into Consideration the expediency of purchasing mortcloths for the convenience of the place and for advancing the funds of the Society, the following state of a vote was proposed "Empower the Managers or not "to purchase" the Roll being called and votes marked it carried unanimously Empower.

Nov^r 12th 1779Committee to
purchase Mort-
cloths

Having resumed. the consideration of the mortcloths. (ut supra) they made choice of the following members to Go to Glasgow and agree with a proper person who could furnish them best and cheapest viz The Deacon, Collector Mr Clarke, James Wright, Mr Wilson, George Buchanan, Allan Arthur, William Reid, and to recommend it to the person thus employed to have them as soon ready as possible.

Feby 11th 1780

The Deacon reported that he had got the mortcloths some-
 time ago with the account of their expence extending to Fifty ^{Custodier and charges for Mort-}
 pounds Sixteen shillings and Sixpence sterling and Three ^{cloths}
 pounds for a large second handed one. They then took into
 Consideration the properest method of disposing of them for
 the benefit of the Society and after a Considerable time Spent
 for this purpose, They agreed that a press to hold them in be
 immediately made with a pole to dry them, and that a proper
 brush and comb be got to clean them, and the whole to be
 delivered up to the charge of Alex^r Templeton with instructions
 to him to give out the best at five shillings, The Second at
 Three shillings and Sixpence or four shillings, and the last at
 one shilling and sixpence or Two shillings and the old one at
 two shillings or two shillings & sixpence, For which he is to
 receive the Seventh shilling for his trouble in keeping them
 and that a Discretionary power be given him upon consulting
 with some of the Members of the Court to consider the cir-
 cumstances of people who seek them and make reasonable
 allowance.

July 23rd 1786

Same day it was proposed to the society by the Master Court ^{Entry money raised}
 That the entry be raised, The vote carried by a great majority
 that The Entry be raised to Ten Shillings sterling, and Free-
 mens sons and sons in law to Five shillings, and all Apprentices
 to pay Six Shillings of Entry and no Booking money. The
 Indenture is to be produced at Entry or proof by Credible
 witnesses.

3rd August 1787

On account of the number of Pensioners on the Society the ^{Resolution to build on vacant ground}
 Funds have been on the Decline for some time past, and in
 order to help that deficiency, and to augment the yearly Income

It was proposed to build a house and shops on the Societys vacant ground with all convenient speed, which it was thought might yield 10 per cent for the money thus laid out. The Managers proposed that a General meeting of the Society should be called, In consequence of which a considerable number of the Society did meet and the state of the vote was, Build, or not Build; and it carried unanimously Build; and the Managers were empowered to proceed in the best manner to build for the benefit of the Society Sept^r 15 1787 The Dimensions of the house & shops as follows $31\frac{1}{2}$ feet in length inside measure, 18 feet wide, Do 17 feet high, the walls, Roof 2 feet below the Square Chimney Heads, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet above the Roof, 8 windows for the 2 shops below 3 feet high by $3\frac{1}{2}$ wide, 4 windows for the Two Dwelling houses above $2\frac{1}{2}$ by $3\frac{1}{2}$, 15 Joists 8 inches deep by $2\frac{1}{2}$, 15 couples $5\frac{1}{2}$ by 2, the floor $1\frac{1}{4}$, Eight plain Doors coal houses included one Stairhead door Cross lined in the Back Locks Snecks Bands The shops and houses above common plaister with the roof of the dwelling house lathed and plaistered and a Stone stair built upon brick Pantyle Roof pointed in the Insides Hearth stones and Jambs four pairs.

The Master Court agree with William Reid to build and finish the above house and shops agreeable to the above dimensions for Ninety pounds sterling.

3^d August 1792

Warning of
Members to
attend Meetings

At same time another overture was presented by the master Court stating the Great inconvenience and labour which the officer was subject to by warning the whole Society owing to the Great number of members and its being impossible for any one man to know where every member lived, It was proposed to warn the Society by advertising in Two of the most generally read Newspapers in Glasgow, which was agreed to by a Great majority.

9th October 1820

The Preses Collector Robert Miller, John miller, James Taylor and Alexander Anderson were appointed as a Committee with full powers to settle marches with Mr Scott. ^{Marches of property}

3rd August 1821

Afterwards the Preses proposed to the meeting that as the Society's box contained no inscription so as to distinguish it from others it would be proper to get a suitable one placed thereon, and the vote having been put it was carried unanimously for the measure, also left to the Master Court to fix on such inscription, employ a fit person or persons to put it into execution, and defray the expense thereof conform to account and relative receipt and discharge for the same. ^{Inscription on Society's Box}

(sg^d) JOHN HORN Preses12th November 1821

Thereafter John Horn late Preses James Taylor and Robert Miller along with the present Preses and Collector are appointed as a Committee of the Master Court to get a suitable inscription engraved upon a silver plate on the Society's Box in terms of the Minute of the third day of August last. ^{Inscription on Box}

(sig^d) AND^w MILLAR Preses3rd November 1827

It was submitted to the consideration of the meeting that it would be highly expedient on account of the present cheapness of building materials as well as other obvious inducements, that instead of allowing the vacant steading of ground belonging to the Society situated on the Woodside road & contiguous to the ^{Resolve to build on Woodside Road}

village of Anderston to remain any longer in its present condition, it ought to be built upon & plans procured with such view : which measure having been duly considered was unanimously approved of and the following persons appointed a select Committee for such purpose and to report their proceedings to the Society vizt The Preses Collector along with Mess^{rs} John Miller Robert Miller James Taylor and James Rutherford.

(sig^d) JAMES GOVAN Preses

The Committee reported in favour of building, and the Society confirmed this Report on the 1st February, 1823. Woodside Road is now called North Street. The cost was £593, 1s. 3d., and the building still stands. The "Select Committee" on 29th July, 1823, when the building was apparently finished, received the "sincere thanks" of the Society "for the unremitting attention which they had paid to the interests of the Society "in superintending the new building."

1st August 1823

Anderston a
Burgh of Barony

It was stated to the meeting that the Committee of Management had considered the various advantages that would result from the erection of the village of Anderston into a Burgh of Barony to all who resided within its boundaries, and they considered it their duty to render every assistance in their power for the speedy completion of a measure which would tend so much to promote the welfare of the Community, and that it had been moved in the Committee that a vote should be taken, whether the Preses as representing the Society should be empowered to adhibit his subscription to a writing, bearing that the Subscribers bind and oblige themselves either as Individuals Agents for Feuars or representatives of a body incorporated to pay to a Treasurer to be appointed, at the rate of five per cent of cess for one year on their respective properties, as the same

shall appear from the present roll or cess book. But it having been stated in objection that the Committee of management were not competent to decide this question & that it ought to be laid before a general meeting that the whole might have an opportunity of judging of the propriety of this measure. The meeting was accordingly requested to deliberate upon the matter which they accordingly did, and unanimously declared their willingness to concur in every measure conducive to the preservation of the peace and good order of Society in general, and the Preses was accordingly authorised to acquiesce in the measure proposed as representing the Society.

It was also stated to the meeting and moved that as the Articles of the Society had never been printed, & as there were many of them which required revision and correction they should be collected together revised and corrected by the Managers, but by no means to derogate or alter the spirit & meaning thereof, & afterwards to be laid before a general meeting for their consideration and approval which was unanimously agreed to

Resolution to
print Rules

(sg^d) JAMES TAYLOR Preses

4th February 1825

In the course of the meeting it was proposed that the Members of this and the other Friendly Societies within the Burgh should upon the day established by the Charter for the celebration of the Fair (10th May) accompany the Provost Magistrates and Council at the proclaiming of the Fair. The meeting having maturely deliberated upon this proposition they were unanimously of opinion that it ought to be adopted, as tending to bring the Societies into publicity, and thereby promote their real interest by an increase of members—the Fair being a season at which the Inhabitants will be in possession of money which they cannot dispose of more usefully than by furthering the real ends of mutual assistance and benevolence.

Proclamation of
Annual Fair

1st February 1828.

Officer fined for
damaging Mort-
cloth.

It was stated to the Meeting by Mr Dick that the last time the officer had taken away the mortcloth when he returned it, it was so much soiled that Mr Dick paid five shillings for repairing it. The Meeting unanimously therefore fined the officer in that sum & order him to pay the same without delay.

(sg^d) DANIEL RITCHIE Preses

15th May 1832

It was moved seconded and unanimously agreed to that in future no Collector shall be allowed to retain in his hands at any given time more than Twenty pounds sterling.

Feby. 1832.

The revenue from the use of the mortcloths steadily diminished from the beginning of the present century, and at this date it amounted only to the sum of £2 per annum. In 1833 a reduced scale of rates was fixed, but no revenue at all appears to have been derived, and in 1840 the custodier having become embarrassed in circumstances the mortcloths were delivered to another for safe custody, and as far as the Minute Book shows they are still in his possession. The loss of this branch of revenue was owing to the change in the mode of conducting funerals.

26th July 1836

It was moved by Mr Taylor seconded and unanimously agreed to that in future the Meetings hitherto held by the Master Court for the purpose of collecting rents at the respective terms of Whitsunday and Martinmas be hereafter dispensed with, and in lieu of these meetings be held within a reasonable time after each of these terms, when a report shall be made as to rents received and Petitions disposed of as at these Meetings.

Motion to
dispense with
Rent Meetings

17th November 1837

At this date the alimnt was increased to 1s. 6d. per week for all above 70, and 2s. per week for all above 80 years of age, and out of a Roll of 13 male pensioners 9 were upwards of 80 years of age.

18th February 1840

The meeting sent for Mr. Alexander Logan and settled with him that he should pay one pound one shilling sterling annually for the use which he is taking of the dungstead and Sewer belonging to the Society, and upon this head the parties exchanged Letters, of which the following are copies; "To the managers of the Weavers Society of Anderston Gentlemen, "I hereby declare that I have no claim or title to the use of the sewer or dungstead behind my property corner of North Street, and which are both upon your property, but shall be well content to pay you the sum of one pound one shilling sterling yearly at the term of Whitsunday so long as you shall allow me to use the same I am &c (signed) Alex Logan

Act anent
Society's Pro-
perty

"Mr. Alexr Logan—Sir—we hereby acknowledge that the Plan of your property and that of the Weavers Society of Anderston both adjoining each other by David Smith Octr 1836 is in the custody of the Society, which shall be patent to

"you or your successors at all times by granting a receipt for
 "the same, we are (sig^d) For the Society Patrick Macnaught
 " Preses Anderston 18 Feby 1840."

2nd August 1844

Consolidation of
 payments by
 members

*The entry money and quarter accounts were consolidated and
 one sum of £1, 1s. was charged at the admission of far hand
 members and 18s. at near hand members, and quarter accounts
 were abolished.*

9th June 1851

Society's
 property

Mr Taylor reported particulars of property in main Street
 adjoining the Societys which was thought of as an investment,
 and stated his views of the value of it. And after several of
 the gentlemen present were heard on the subject it was
 Resolved That the clerk put himself in communication with
 the Agents of the proprietors, learn what price & on what terms
 they were disposed to treat, also the contents of the property as
 appearing from the titles & report thereon to the Preses so as
 he might if he thought proper call a pro re nata meeting of the
 Court to decide thereon

15th July 1851

Resolve to pur-
 chase Mr.
 Mitchell's pro-
 perty

Mr C. R. Baird read the minute of last meeting of date 22nd
 ulto and reported that after several communications with the
 agents of Mr. W. G. Mitchell the proprietor of the property in
 main Street adjoining that belonging to the Society they
 had offered the property for one thousand eight hundred
 pounds stg entry as at whitsunday last, the purchaser paying
 interest from that date and being at the expense of any
 additional Searches required—the expenses of the Disposition

&c. to be as usual And that after advising with and receiving the authority of Messrs Taylor and McNaught as members of Com^{ee} appointed at last meeting (the Preses having been absent) he Mr Baird had accepted the offer and closed the purchase accordingly. The Society approved of this

4th August 1854

Entry money raised to £2, 2s. for far hand Members and £1, 10s. for near hand members. Entry money increased

12th June 1855

The Treasurer, Mr Inglis, alluded to the medal of the Society which was at one time worn by the Preses as the insignia of office, and to the circumstance that it was the medal which had been used by the Provost of the burgh of Anderston, And to the unfortunate circumstances which deprived the Society of this badge of office and moved that it is fit that some such badge should be still worn by the Preses for the time being, and that a small sum should be set apart from the funds of the Society for this purpose. The meeting unanimously entertained the motion and resolved accordingly, and appointed the Treasurer & Preses a Committee to report to next meeting as to probable cost and the most appropriate style and motto.

19th July 1855

The Treasurer reported that the Committee appointed at last meeting of Directors on the subject of the motion to have a medal had seen a variety of patterns of medals and had made choice of one resembling as near as may be the medal that had been formerly worn by the Preses, and stated that the

Committee thought the expense would not exceed a sum of six pounds.

Whereupon Mr James M'Ewan moved that the proceedings of the Committee be approved of, and they be instructed to obtain the medal of the design suggested and which having been seconded and put to the meeting was carried by a majority.

Mr Belch protested against the funds of the Society being put to the purpose of procuring the medal proposed and appealed to the General Meeting.

3rd August 1855

Society's medal

Mr James Taylor moved that the minutes and whole procedure of the Master Court be approved of.

Mr Belch moved as an Amendment that the Minutes and whole procedure of the Master Court in regard to the Medal proposed to be worn by the Preses be disapproved of, & that the medal ought to be paid for by private subscription among the members, and not by the funds of the Society.

Whereupon the motion and amendment having been put to the meeting, nineteen voted for the motion and four for the amendment, Whereupon the Preses declared the motion carried and the meeting resolved accordingly.

(Since the above date the medal has always been worn by the Preses at all Meetings of the Directors and Society. A temporary gold chain was at same time provided, the intention being that a chain should in course of time be formed out of links contributed by each Preses on his election to office. This has been carried out, and already 26 links of one inch long each have been contributed by the various Preses who have held office since—each link having his name and year of office engraved thereon—so that the temporary chain may in course of time be dispensed with. The Society at said Meeting also resolved that "the Preses for the time being be responsible for the safe custody of the Society Medal, and be bound to restore the "same or its equivalent in money on the expiry of his office.")

17th July 1856.

The Clerk reported that the claim for return of Income tax paid by the Society since the commencement of the operation of the Income tax had after considerable delay been acknowledged, and that on Monday last he had received an order from the Inland Revenue Office, Edinburgh, for a sum of Eighty seven pounds ten shillings and sevenpence sterling, which he now proposed to hand over to the Treasurer.

Return of
Income Tax1st August 1856.

The Meeting having proceeded to consider the Rules and Regulations submitted at last General Meeting of which due notice was given by advertisement, on the motion of the Chairman unanimously approved of the same and resolved that in future they should form the Rules and Regulations of the Society. The Meeting remitted to the Clerk to obtain the rules printed and circulated among the Members of the Society.

Act anent
printing Rules

Mr Alexander Anderson moved that along with the Rules should be printed the names of those office-bearers of the Society who had annually held office in the Society since its origin, and that these should also be printed and circulated along with the Rules, which motion having been seconded was approved of and the Clerk instructed accordingly.

13th February 1857.

Mr Anderson gave notice of the following motion to be made by him at next quarterly Meeting, "That the managers agree to present to the Clerk for his very efficient services in recovering from Government the property tax affecting their heritable property from its commencement, thereby placing the Society on the footing of a Charitable Institution in all time coming: also for his laborious services in adjusting the new rules and otherwise promoting the prosperity of the

Honorarium
to Clerk

" Society the sum of Fifteen guineas ; and likewise that the
 " annual salary payable to the Clerk be Five guineas in place
 " of One pound four shillings commencing at the next Annual
 " Meeting."

1st May 1857.

*The Directors at this Meeting resolved to increase the
 honorarium to the Clerk to 20 guineas—he having strongly
 expressed his wish that the old salary of 24/ per annum should
 remain unchanged.*

1st Nov 1857.

Entry money
increased

*At this date the annual allowance to Pensioners had increased
 to £5, 4s. to decayed Members, and £1, 16s. to widows, besides
 Supplements at Annual Visitations.*

5th August 1859.

Act anent va-
cancy in Office of
Preses

In terms of notice given at last Annual Meeting Mr James Steel moved that in the event of any vacancy occurring in the Office of Preses of the Society, either from death resignation or disqualification, the Directors for the time being shall at a meeting called for the purpose have full power and are hereby authorised and empowered to elect nominate and appoint one of their own number to office until next Annual Meeting, or to resolve to call a General Meeting of the Society for the purpose ; Whereupon the party so elected shall hold the office of Preses until the next Annual Meeting, and in the event of the Preses being absent from any of the Meetings of the Society or Masters Court, the Chairman pro tempore shall be entitled to act for and represent him in the same manner, and to the same effect as the Preses could have done himself if personally present, which motion was seconded by Mr Belch and unanimously approved of.

7th August 1863

It was resolved, in terms of notice of motion given at last General Meeting, that the addition to the 4th Rule of the Society recorded in the Minutes of last Annual Meeting, authorising the appointment of Honorary Life Directors, be approved of, with this proviso, that the addition be so framed as to restrict the number of Honorary Directors at any one time to four, and to declare that no one shall be eligible for an Honorary Director unless he has previously served as a Director of the Society.

Whereupon the meeting in exercise of the power thus conferred unanimously resolved to appoint Messrs Angus M'Alpin and Andrew Cumming to the office of Honorary Directors for Life with all the powers attaching thereunto.

6th November 1863.

A Committee was appointed to inspect the Society's property fronting Main Street and report, and on 8th January, 1864, they reported that the property ought to be rebuilt or sold; whereupon the Committee were re-appointed to procure plans of new buildings, and to report again on the whole subject.

26th February 1864.

Report by the Directors of the Weavers Society of Anderston to the Members of the Society convened at an extraordinary General Meeting upon Friday the 26th day of February 1864, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Report anent
rebuilding So-
ciety's property

Your Directors have had under their consideration the condition of the Society's property, especially that portion abutting Main Street of Anderston and the back buildings adjoining, which they are sorry to report as in a most dilapidated and ruinous state. The age of these buildings—the principal portion being not less than 80 years old—sufficiently accounts for this.

This being so your Directors have given this important subject their most anxious consideration, it being one of the last importance as regards the funds revenue and usefulness of the Society in relation both to its members and Pensioners & its future prosperity and independent position.

Your Directors are unanimously of opinion that it is not the province of a benevolent Society to speculate in lands and buildings with the funds so as to endanger their security.

Such speculations however laudable in individuals are, your Directors think, not desirable in bodies administering the funds of a Charity.

Impressed with this view and with the special circumstances of the Society's position with relation to its funds and property, your Directors have considered the subject in the only two lights in which it has presented itself to their minds.

These are :—

- i. The sale of the Society's property and the conversion of the price into a Ground Annual secured over the property sold, or the investment of the price realised in other securities for the Society's behoof; And
- ii. Retaining the Society's property and taking down the Society's buildings which have been reported as ruinous, and erecting on their site a substantial range of shops and dwelling-houses to be managed by the Society as at present.

The first proposition at first sight appears more in consonance with the general principle before enunciated, but on a more minute inquiry your Directors are satisfied that it is otherwise. The reasons which have induced the Directors to arrive at this conclusion are inter alia the following, viz :—

1st That the Society's property fronting North Street is substantial, in good repair, and presents every prospect of affording the Society a steady return for many years greater than the interest of the price if sold would yield.

2nd That the back ground of the Society has never been fully developed for the want of proper access.

3rd That the property of the Society if retained on hand would annually improve in value, and the Society would thus gradually improve in position and wealth. And

4th That there can be no more solid investment of funds than in heritable property in a situation such as that the Society's property maintains.

Actuated by these views your Directors are of opinion that they are not chargeable with the objection of speculating, when they recommend the Society as they now do to retain the property, and take down the old ruinous buildings so far as they abut and enter from Main Street, and erect a range of shops and dwelling-houses suitable to the locality.

In considering the rebuilding of that portion of the property abutting Main Street, it was considered advisable to procure plans showing the mode in which it could be accomplished, and plans were accordingly prepared by Mr. William Spence, Architect, of a block of buildings to occupy the entire frontage to Main Street with shops and dwelling-houses, and these they now submit to the Meeting as showing how in their opinion the ground can most profitably be occupied. In these plans profuse ornamentation in masonry has been purposely avoided, while at the same time the elevation shows the buildings to be the property of the Society.

In considering the return expected from the new buildings proposed, the following is the calculations made by the Directors:—In making this calculation they estimated the value of the ground to be occupied at £3 per square yard for building ground, and £1, 10s. per yard for back ground, and the value of the new erection at £3500; and the rents estimated for the shops and dwelling-houses have been fixed from a knowledge of the actual rent of such premises in the immediate neighbourhood. The sacrifice of the present rental the Society receives, which, after paying taxes and repairs, is about £138 annually, is not taken into account as the buildings are ruinous and must be taken down in any case, thus leaving the ground as the only subject of value.

Applying these data the calculations appear thus:—Value of 475 square yards of ground occupied by new buildings at

£3 per yard, and 237 square yards occupied by the court
behind at £1, 10s. a square yard, . . . £1,780 10 0
Cost of new buildings and of laying out of
court and back ground, . . . 3,500 0 0

Gross cost of ground and buildings, . . . £5,280 10 0

And estimating 5 per cent. as the rate of
interest which would be got on invested
capital, the annual return would be . £264 0 6

The estimated rental is as follows :—

One Double Shop, . . . £60 0 0
One Single Shop, . . . 42 0 0
Do. do., . . . 40 0 0
One Double Shop, . . . 50 0 0
One Small Shop, . . . 30 0 0

Six Dwelling-houses of 2 Rooms
and Kitchen at £15 each, 90 0 0

Twelve Dwelling-houses of 1
Room and Kitchen at
£9, 10s. each, . . . 114 0 0

£426 0 0

From this rental 15 per cent.
may be deducted for current
repairs and taxes, . . . 63 0 0

£363 0 0

Interest on capital as above, . . . 264 0 0

Leaving a balance of . . . £99 0 0

which is equal to nearly 2 per cent. additional interest on
capital invested, or a return of 7 per cent. in all, besides secur-
ing the Society the benefit of the progressive movement in the
value of the ground in the district—an improvement which, in
the opinion of the Directors, is and will ever continue to be
inseparably connected with the prosperity of Glasgow, and the
Directors think that the Society has only to contrast the present
value of their property with the value at the date of purchase,

to prove the rapid rise in the value of ground which is going on, and gratefully to pay respect to the wisdom of former Managers who invested the Society's funds in such security.

In this way the Directors are unanimously of opinion that the Society ought to retain their property, and take down and rebuild the part referred to in the mode suggested by Mr Spence with such alterations in the details of the plans as may, on further reflection, appear desirable.

In regard to the back ground of the Society, the Directors have also had their attention drawn to it. The want of proper access has rendered it hitherto comparatively useless for the proper use for which it is best adapted, and the mode of access provided by the plans will do away with the objection.

This being so, your Directors have had in contemplation the subject of the erection, on part of the back ground, of a Public Hall, with suitable subsidiary rooms—such a building is, in the opinion of many, very much needed in Anderston, and such as would form a profitable undertaking to the Society.

The Directors, after considering the subject, have not felt themselves warranted in recommending it to the Society at the present time, but they will be glad still further to investigate the matter, and report to the annual meeting of the Society in August next, if the Society think this course advisable.

It was thereupon moved by the Preses—"That the meeting
 "approve of the Report now read, and authorise and empower
 "the Directors, in terms thereof, to erect on that portion of the
 "Society's property fronting Main Street, the range of shops
 "and dwelling-houses referred to therein, and delineated on
 "the plans now exhibited, and to take all steps necessary for
 "carrying out this resolution, by the appointment of Sub-Com-
 "mittees, and the delegation to them of the powers now con-
 "ferred, by entering into contracts for the various departments
 "of the work, by borrowing all funds necessary to complete
 "the work, and by granting all bonds and other deeds usual
 "and requisite for carrying out this resolution," which motion
 having been seconded by Mr. Robert Philp, was unanimously
 carried.

5th August 1864.

Laying of Foundation stone of Society's new Property

Immediately after the Annual General Meeting, and in terms of the Advertisement calling the same, the Preses and sundry Directors and Members of the Society proceeded to the site of the Society's new Buildings in Main Street for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone. The Preses having made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, laid the stone with the usual ceremonies. There was deposited in a cavity in the stone a leaden box having the names of the Office-bearers and the Contractors for the Buildings embossed on the lid, and containing the following articles, vizt: 1st A Copy of the Rules of the Society; 2nd A Copy of the Pensioners' Aliment Book; 3rd A List of Office-bearers for the year 1863-64; 4th A List of Contractors for the new Buildings; 5th A Copy of the Glasgow Herald of date 5th August 1864; 6th A Copy of the North British Daily Mail of same date; 7th A Copy of the Morning Journal of same date; 8th A Copy of the Glasgow Citizen of date 30th July 1864; 9th A Copy of the London Times of date 4th August 1864; 10th A Copy of Punch or the London Charivari of date 6th Aug. 1864; 11th A Copy of the Mercantile Advertiser of date 2nd August 1864; 12th Coins of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria of the values following, viz: 5s, 2s 6d, 2s, 1s, 6d, 4d, 3d, 1d, $\frac{1}{2}$ d and $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

(Note.—The whole cost of the buildings was £4606, 2s., and the actual rental of the new property when finished amounted to £479. The rental for the year 1878-79 of this same property increased to £752, 14s. Nothing could better prove the wisdom of the whole proceeding.)

11th March 1873.

Resolution to purchase M'Ewan's property

At a Special Meeting held of this date it was unanimously resolved to acquire the property forming Nos 10 to 20 North Street at the price of £1150. The transaction was completed, and while the price was considered to be very low the purchase greatly enhanced the value of the other property of the Society which it adjoined.

7th August 1874.

The Entry money payable by new Members other than sons, sons in law, or apprentices was increased as at this date to £5, 5s, with the addition of 5s for each year the applicant is over thirty years of age. ^{Entry money increased}

2nd November 1877.

At this date the annual allowance to pensioners was increased to £10 to decayed Members, and £5 to Widows, besides Supplements at annual visitations. ^{Rates of Pension}

1st November 1878.

At this date the maximum allowance was increased to £12 to decayed Members, and £8 to Widows. ^{Rates of Pension}

The following periodical statement of the Treasurer's intromissions with the funds of the Society from its institution down to the present time, will best illustrate its growth from a financial point of view :—

1739, Nov. 2.

Amount of Charge,	£4 0 0
Do. Discharge,	£1 12 6
Balance in Collector's hands,	2 7 6
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	4 0 0
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1749, Nov. 3.

Amount of Charge,	£32 8 11
Do. Discharge,	£29 5 6
Balance in Collector's hands,	3 3 5
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	32 8 11
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1759, Aug. 3.

Amount of Charge,	£151 16 7
Do. Discharge,	£141 1 0½
Balance in Collector's hands,	10 15 6½
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	151 16 7
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1769, Aug. 5.

Amount of Charge,	£84 14 4½
Do. Discharge,	£67 19 3
Balance in Collector's hands,	16 15 1½
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	84 14 4½
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1779, Aug. 6.

Amount of Charge,	£116 2 5½
Do. Discharge,	£83 4 8½
Balance in Collector's hands,	32 17 9
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	116 2 5½
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Note.—The Minute Book contains no statement of the Collector's intromissions and disbursements for the period from 1789 to 1819 inclusive, but it may be assumed that they were steadily progressive.

1829, Aug. 14.

Amount of Charge,	£271	2	11½
Do. Discharge,	£271	4	3
Balance due to Collector,		0	1 3½
	<u>£271</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>£271</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

1839, Aug. 13.

Amount of Charge,	£115	19	4½
Do. Discharge,	£101	1	6
Balance in Collector's hands,		14	17 10½
		<u>115</u>	<u>19 4½</u>

1850.

Amount of Charge,	£246	3	10
Do. Discharge,	£245	16	9
Balance in Collector's hands,		0	7 1
		<u>246</u>	<u>3 10</u>

1859, Aug. 30.

Amount of Charge,	£483	18	4
Do. Discharge,	£474	19	9
Balance in Treasurer's hands,		8	18 7
		<u>483</u>	<u>18 4</u>

1869, Aug. 27.

Amount of Charge,	£1128	11	6
Do. Discharge,	£1124	7	5
Balance in Treasurer's hands,		4	4 1
		<u>1128</u>	<u>11 6</u>

1879, Aug. 29.

Amount of Charge,	£2584	2	0
Do. Discharge,	£2582	0	7
Balance in Treasurer's hands,		2	1 5
		<u>2584</u>	<u>2 0</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT OF THE SOCIETY AS AT 1ST AUGUST, 1879.

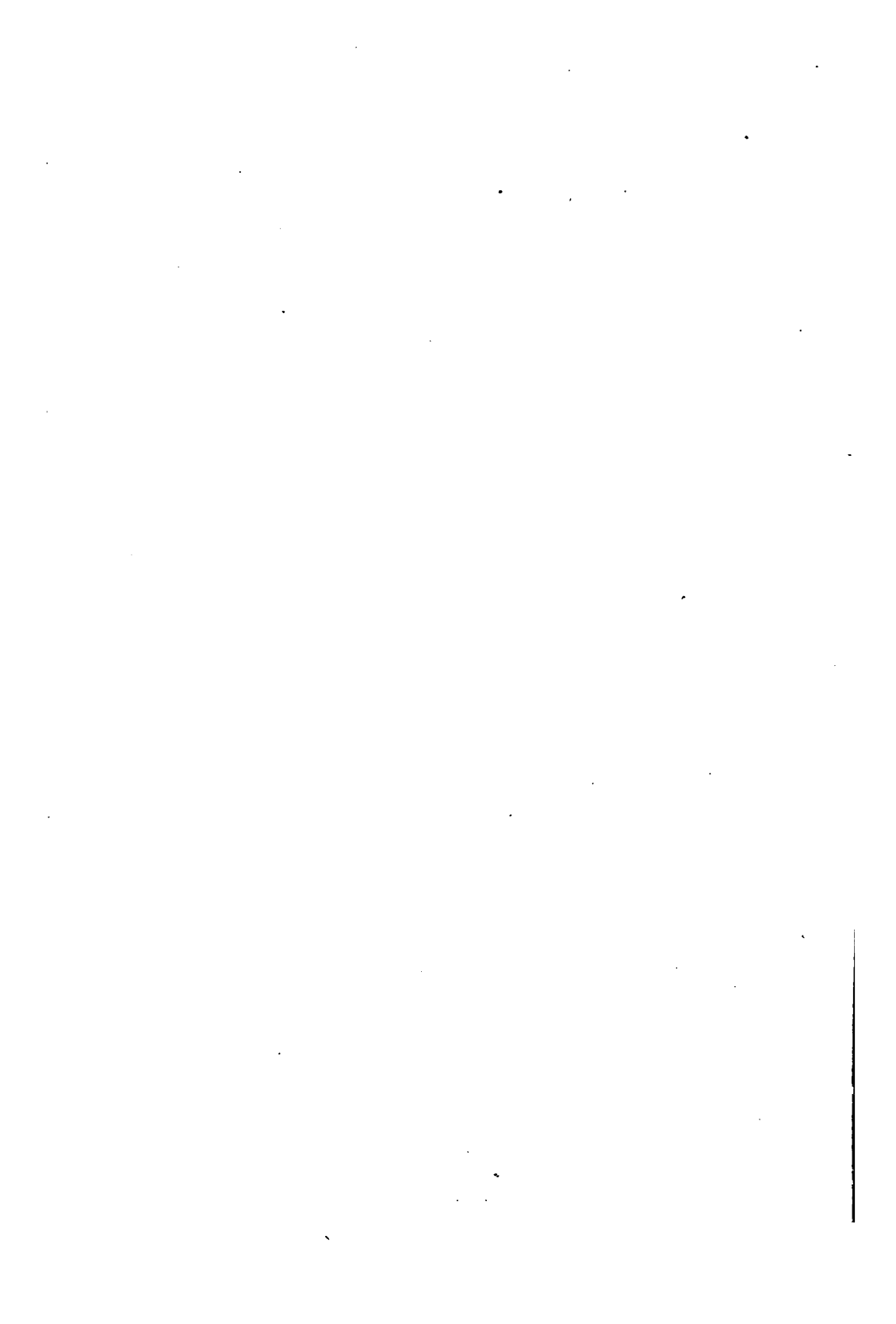
Heritable Property in Main Street—yielding an Annual Rental of £752, 14s.

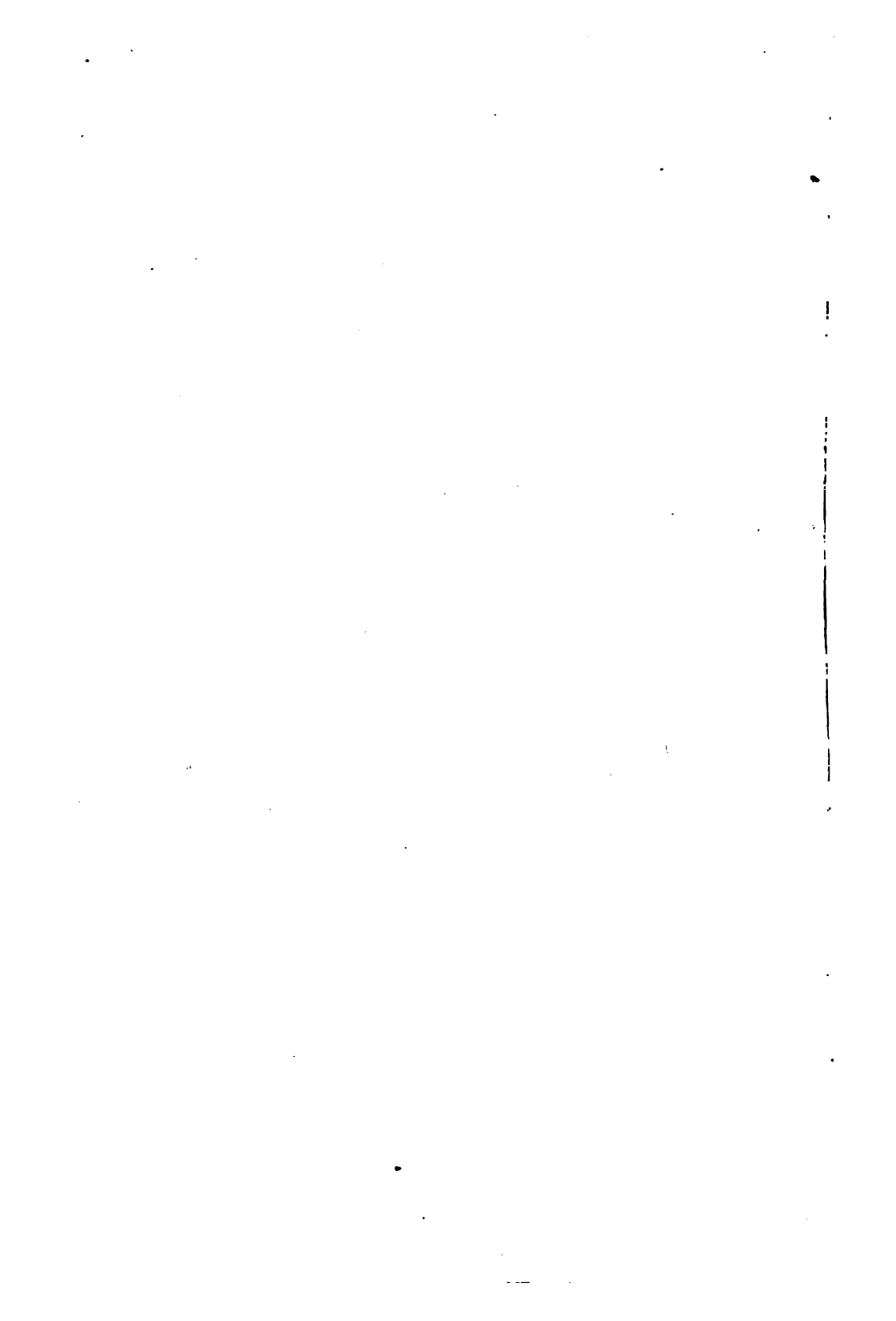
Heritable Property in North Street—yielding an Annual Rental of £323, 13s.

The only burden on these Properties is a Feu Duty of 10s. 3d.

Sum lent at 5 per cent. interest,	£200	0	0
Sum invested in Clyde Trust,	1000	0	0
Cash deposited in the Standard Property Investment Co. (Limited)	500	0	0
Cash in Bank on Account Current,	356	16	6
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	2	1	5

NOTE.—Keeping in view the fact that the above rental does not fairly represent the annual value of the Society's heritable property, a considerable portion of which is not occupied with permanent buildings, it may with comparative safety be assumed that the Capital of the Society now amounts in value to not less than £20,000.





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